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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

FROM WASHINGTON--MATTERS CONGRESSIONAL AND MILITARY.

Highly Important from Virginia.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC ON THE MOVE.

A Great Battle Expected to Come Off.

Full Details of Sunday's Movement.

FROM SPRINGFIELD--LEGISLATIVE MATTERS YESTERDAY.

GOLD CLOSED AT 213.

Our New York Midnight Dispatch--Interesting News Summary.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Matters Congressional and Military.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 7.

The President's message detailing the peace negotiations was still further called for to-day, by the failure of the Senate to pass the resolution calling for it, John Sherman having objected. The message will be sent in when called for.

The following are fees proposed in Washburne's bill for lake ports:

Vessels of twenty tons burthen, including bond, $1.25.
Endorsement on illegible letter, 25 cents.
Certificate of Enrollment, one to two dollars.
Register, one dollar.
License, one dollar to one dollar fifty cents.
Abandonment on license, including master's oath, fifty cents.
Certificate to "boat, twenty-five to fifty cents.
Each indorsement on license, twenty cents to one dollar.
Entry from foreign port, fifty cents to one dollar, with same for clearance.
Recording foreign manifest and permit to unload, five dollars.
Receiving manifest of foreign baggage, twenty-five cents.
Permit to foreign vessels to go from district to district, two dollars, and same for permit to unload.
Official bonds not otherwise provided for, one dollar.
Official certificate or debenture, twenty-five cents.
Crew list, including bond, one dollar.
Protest, one dollar.
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Section No. 3, line 6 of words "one hundred" section 5th, in lines 2 and 4, strike out words "and in 4th line strike out "or corporations," as well as in 6th line strike out "or corporations."

SENATE.

Mr. Green of Marion, moved to suspend the rules, and proceed to the consideration of bills on third reading.

The following bills were called up and disposed of:

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THE SEVENTY-TWO'S.

The following are the names of the Senators and Representatives who voted for the bill to rob three generations of the people of Chicago:

SENATORS.

Messrs. Cook, Kane, Lee, Manning, Marsh, Matteson, McClernand, McConnel, Morgan, Alex. Starne, Mitchell of Lasalle, Peters of Vermillion, Pinckney, Sanford, Shuman, Swigart, Wentworth, Wheeler, Wilson of Knox, Wilson of Rock Island, Wright of Cook—24.

Messrs. Bangs, Bradley, Brayton, Bross, Bunn, Burnham, Church, Cooper of Stephenson, Curtis of Scott, Dement, Dunn of Ogle, Fuller of Kane, Decker of Gallatin, Gardner, Gorin, Grant, Hall of Jo Daviess, Hamilton, Hay of Macoupin, Holcomb of Knox, Hopkins of Grundy, Hurlbut of Coles, Jones of Peoria, Jones of Douglas, Kenyon of Mercer, Kinney of Kankakee, Lake of Kankakee, Lindley of Johnson, Lusby of Logan, Mc Intyre of Will, Merriman of Jersey, Monroe of Coles, Pa., Democrats in *italic*, 46 in all, 70.

The number of Senators whose names were telegraphed to us as voting in the affirmative was only seventeen. The actual number was eighteen. As Mr. Mason, (Dem.) of Knox, voted with the majority on all questions prior to the passage of the bill, we conclude that his name should go in the list, although it was not in the dispatch which we received. If we have done him any injustice in placing his name there we shall be glad to rectify the error. A similar discrepancy occurs in the number of representatives whose names were telegraphed to us. There were fifty-five ayes, but only fifty-four names were given in our dispatch. We shall be glad to rectify this error when those who must receive our proper information.

We have placed the name of Mr. Eastman, of Cook, at the head of the list, because, from all the accounts we have received, he has made himself familiar with the details of shame, in this betrayal of his constituents, wholly unprecedented.

We desire now to call the attention of the constituents of the seventy-four individuals above named to the nature of the act which their representatives have committed. When the late Judge Douglas poured out his denunciations upon the authors of the Lecompton Constitution, he admitted that the people of Kansas could change that Constitution at their pleasure. They could annul and blot it out of existence in a year or two. But he held, very justly, that it was wrong to impose it upon them at all, it was wrong to impose it upon them one minute. The seventy-two individuals above named have voted, so far as their votes could effect it, to impose this hideous fraud upon the people of Chicago, without their consent, for *seventy-four years*. Their act is therefore seventy-four times worse than that of the framers and friends of the Lecompton Constitution. Their thieving fingers are thicker than the loins of John Candlebox Calhoun and his associates of infamous memory.

We desire to call the attention of the constituents of these seventy two individuals to the fact, *first*, that this bill to defraud the people of Chicago was passed over the head of an honest Governor, whose masterly argument not one of them attempted to answer —*second*, that it was passed over the heads of a two-thirds majority of the local Representatives of Chicago in the Legislature—*third*, that it was passed in the face of the most overwhelming evidence that the people of Chicago were bitterly opposed to it—*fourth*, that the reasonable request of the committee of our citizens that the bill should be submitted to a vote of the people, whose rights were to be affected by it, before it should become a law, was treated with contempt—*fifth*, that this bill proposes to give away millions of dollars of the property of a friendly people, who have been guilty of no offence—*sixth*, that the people of Chicago had a right to look to these members of the Legislature for protection against robbery, and that they have betrayed that high trust into the wolf given to the lamb.

Members of the Legislature who voted *against* this bill of abominations informed the committee of our citizens who were at Springfield that such overtures had been made to them as left no doubt in their minds that the bill had been put through by the use of money or greenbacks. We make no charges where we have not the specific items of fact to justify them, but it may be fairly inferred that where a bill having no merits of its own, but being absolutely deformed with unconstitutional and fraudulent provisions and having nothing to recommend it in the shape of public good, the Governor's veto and over the heads of an unwilling people—we say it may be fairly inferred that other influences than a due regard for the public interests were instrumental in procuring its passage.

AMENDED CONSCRIPTION BILL.

The amendments to the conscription bill which was printed at length in our issue of yesterday morning are of special importance in view of the approaching draft, and the apparent failure of the recent peace negotiations, which will compel the loyal States to prosecute the war with renewed vigor and earnestness. The section providing the manner in which State and local bounties shall be paid was stricken out. The second section provides that no person shall be exempted from military service on account of having provided a substitute for the navy unless the substitute is presented to the Board of Enrollment by which the principal has been enrolled. This provision is eminently a wise one, and will secure to the advantage of every draft district by preventing its credits going abroad.

The third section is devoted to County jumpers, and prescribes a penalty of a fine of not less than $1,000, or imprisonment not exceeding two years nor less than three months, to be imposed against any person who shall enlist as bounty or intoxicated person, a deserter, or who shall deprive or defraud any volunteer of his bounty. If there be any fault in this section it is that the penalty against these bounty jumpers and flesh-brokers is too light, and not in proportion to the heinousness of the offence. The section should have been so worded and the penalties sufficiently severe to have protected the helpless men who become their victims. The imprisonment should have remained in effect during the continuance of the war, thus cutting them off from any further practice of their nefarious business.

Section four prescribes the penalty for mustering in improper persons. Section five directing the manner of the payment of bounties in installments, was stricken out. Section six provides that the remainder of the term of service of a man who shall desert or be discharged by means of physical disability existing before his enlistment, shall be added to the amount due for his district, and that his place shall be supplied by enlistment or draft, thus keeping the ranks full.

The seventh Section pertains to desertion, and is as follows:

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That in addition to the ostensible penalties for the crime of desertion from the naval service, all persons who were deserters from the military or naval service of the United States, who shall not report to said service, or report themselves to a Provost Marshal within sixty days after the passage of this act, shall be deemed dishonorably discharged and forfeited their rights of citizenship, and their right to become citizens; and said deserters shall be forever incapable of holding any office, or any trust or profit under the United States, or exercising any of the rights of citizenship thereof, and all persons who shall hereafter desert the military or naval service shall be liable to the penalties of this act.

Disfranchisement is none too severe a penalty for the crime of desertion. Death itself can hardly atone for it. But while we are glad to see so heavy a penalty inflicted—glad that the Secretary of War has struck off the mark of Cain and is to be no longer a citizen of the country he has deserted in its hour of danger and of need—would it not have been well to have devised some more thorough method than at present exists for the recapture of deserters and suppression of the crime? Is there not some means by which it can be offered to retain men in the service with those offered for recruiting. Probably two hundred thousand deserters are at large in various parts of the North. Is the paltry sum of fifteen dollars sufficient reward for their capture? Who is going to devote his time and risk personal safety for such a sum? Desertion can only be prevented by the summary and timely infliction of punishment, and the inducements should be amply large to secure their prompt arrest. If a person obtains one hundred dollars for bringing in a recruit, must the same equally large for bringing in a deserter. As the bill is at present constituted, few persons will care to engage in deserter-hunting, however desirable it may be to bring them to punishment.

With the exception of the section allowing Governors of States to send agents to States in rebellion to recruit and fill the quotas which was stricken out, the above are the prominent features of the bill now pending in the Senate. Its provisions seem wisely framed, and the almost consequence to the rebellion. We hope to see the bill put upon its passage without consuming time which is valuable. The country wants men immediately. Let us have the laws which govern their organization without delay.

MILITARY NECESSITY OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER AND MICHIGAN AND LAKE CANAL.

The commercial advantages which would follow the enlargement of the Illinois and Michigan Canal are so important that the citizens who deny that the military reasons for the measure are anything more than a cover under which to secure a subsidy to a purely commercial necessity. So far from this being true, it can be unanswerably demonstrated that no matter what, or how aggravated the cause of war, we may be subjected to at the hands of Great Britain, *we cannot safely go to war with that Government until this great military work has been completed*, by making the Illinois and Michigan canal navigable for our gunboats.

Let us look at the facts, and first at what Great Britain has done to secure her naval superiority on the lakes, in the event of war with us. In 1814 the Duke of Wellington declared that "a naval superiority on the lakes is a *sine qua non* of success in war on the frontier of Canada." The effect of the victories of Perry, on Lake Erie, and McDonough, on Lake Champlain, prove this fact beyond question. If this be true as to Great Britain, is it not equally true as to ourselves; or must she alone profit by the wisdom and experience of the past?

Does it need a Wellington to tell us what every man with his eyes open can just as readily see himself? A glance at the map further presents a navigable coast line longer than our Atlantic coast. On the latter we have expended $150,000,000 for coast defenses; on the former $0. For the protection of the latter we have our entire ocean fleet of seven hundred vessels. For the protection of the former we have one small gunboat, that has been rendered useless by the withdrawal of the water. With this in their possession, their navy would sweep the Lakes. It was the conscious sense of their weakness and our weakness on this point that caused the British Government to be so ready to go to war for the rendition of Mason and Slidell, as will appear from the following extract from the London *Times* of that date:

"The most portof the struggle, however, will not be on the Atlantic seaboard, but on the great lakes of Upper Canada and North America. We are glad, therefore, to see that the Government have *their steamer has been forwarded*, and simply protected against the Northern militia by the vessels of the line, a whole fleet of gun-boats with the most powerful of *scow* corvettes sent out to *Lake Ontario*, will soon secure the protection of the British flag from Montreal to Detroit."

Finally, while Great Britain with persistent sagacity has been making these preparations for war with the United States, she had constructed by diplomacy and fraud (of 1842) "to one vessel of one hundred tons burden on Lake Ontario, and one on Lake Champlain, each armed with one eighteen pound cannon, and on the upper lakes to two such vessels armed with the like force."

Of course Great Britain is content with this treaty as she can at any time find the Royal Navy into our lakes, which at present we can meet with a hundred ton scow and one eighteen pound gun! And now the question arises in what way are these friendly proportions on the part of our British neighbors to be met? The Secretary of War in his annual report states that there are to-day upon the Mississippi and its tributaries one hundred vessels of war, carrying nearly five hundred guns, and manned by fifty-five hundred sailors.

The Secretary further states to the American Congress that the enlargement of the Illinois and Michigan canal will enable those one hundred vessels of war to pass from the Mississippi to the lakes.

We have $20,000,000 of capital and four years of time invested in this great internal navy. It has already conquered nearly all that part of the South which is drained by navigable waters, and hence its usefulness for the purposes of this war is nearly at an end. Had the Illinois and Michigan Canal been completed, as we propose it should be now, or when first introduced, these vessels might now be poured at any moment into our Northern Lakes, and instead of any part of our frontier being in danger, Canada would be at our mercy in the event of war. At an expense of $6,000,000 upon completing the enlargement of this canal, we could place our lakes a naval force such as could not be built there for less than $60,000,000, and which would constitute a more perfect defense than $150,000,000, expended on coast defenses which the whole experience of this war has proven to be utterly worthless. The time occupied in enlarging the canal would be less than that required to place such a fleet on the lakes. Moreover in the event of such a war, vessels could be built at every point on the Mississippi and its tributaries or brought from the Gulf of Mexico for use on the lakes. One practicable superiority on the lakes would be too manifest to be even contested. In the light of such facts as these the great commercial advantages of the Illinois and Michigan canal in time of peace are fully equalled by its absolute military necessity in the event of war.

THE STOCK YARD BILL.

The House of Representatives at Springfield have made two or three healthful amendments to the Stock Yard bill, but they have not yet touched the most dangerous feature of it. We refer to the "perpetual" clause. The bill proposes to grant these rights and privileges in perpetuity, so that neither the city of Chicago nor any future General Assembly, to the remotest generations, shall have any control over a thing which may become a great public nuisance. This is certainly wrong. The bill ought to contain a section declaring that "this act may be at any time altered, amended, or repealed by the General Assembly." This was done in the Legislature of Illinois and is a clause of this kind to almost every charter of doubtful propriety. The Constitution of New York guards the rights of the people by an express declaration that any act of the the Legislature shall always be subject to modification or repeal. If the people of Illinois have any rights left, they ought to be guarded in the same way. The Constitution of Massachusetts provides that any private charter granted by the Legislature may be altered, amended, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of any subsequent Legislature. Chancellor Kent points out the danger to the public welfare from irrepealable charters, and notices the fact that enlightened States are adopting constitutional provisions to protect themselves against such dangers. The Constitution of Illinois ought to be amended in this particular as rapidly as the proper forms can be gone through with.

Lieut. Cushing's brother officers nickname him the "Duke of Alexandria."

RELATIVE SHIP CANAL—YORK ON ITS PASSAGE.

There being some errors in the list of ayes and nays on the passage of the Illinois Ship Canal bill, as transmitted by telegraph, we publish it as recorded in the *Congressional Globe*. It will be seen that every Illinois member was present and voted for the bill, viz:

Mr. ARNOLD moved the previous question on the passage of the bill.

The previous question was seconded, and the main question ordered.

Mr. HOLMAN demanded the yeas and nays on the passage of the bill.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The question was taken; and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 77, nays 58, not voting 37, as follows:

YEAS.

Arnold, Ill.	Randall, Ky.
A. C. Allen, Ill.	Robinson, Ill.
W. C. Allen, Ill.	Schenck, Ohio.
Ames, Ill.	Scott, Md.
Ancona, Pa.	Shannon, Cal.
Farnsworth, Ill.	Smith, Ky.
Harris, Ill.	Spalding, Ohio.
Ingersoll, Ill.	Upson, Mich.
Kelley, Pa.	Whaley, W. Va.
Morrison, Ill.	Whiteley, Del.
Norton, Ill.	Windom, Minn.
Rose, Ill.	Worthington, Nevada.
Robinson, Ill.	Wilder, Kan.
Stuart, Ill.	Wilson, Iowa.
Washburne, Ill.	Allen, Iowa.
Ashley, O.	Baxter, Vt.
Alstock, Iowa.	Boutwell, Mass.
Anderson, Mo.	Bromwell, Ohio.
Baldwin, Mich.	Brandegee, Conn.
Beaman, Mich.	Davis, Md. D., N. Y.
Blow, Mo.	Dawes, Mass.
Boyd, Md.	Deming, Conn.
Cole, Cal.	Dixon, R. I.
Donnelly, Minn.	Eliot, Mass.
Dumont, Ind.	Frank, N. Y.
Driggs, Mich.	Gooch, Mass.
Eckly, Ohio.	Hubbard, N. H., Conn.,
Eldridge, Wis.	Jenckes, R. I.
Garfield, Ohio.	Littlejohn, N. Y.
Grinnell, Ohio.	Longyear, Mich.
Hall, Del.	Morrill, Me.
Hubbard, Iowa.	Morris, N. Y.
Julian, Ind.	Perham, Me.
Kelley, Mich.	Pike, Me.
Knox, Mo.	Morrin, N. Y.
Loan, Mo.	Rollins E. H., N. H.
Longyear, Mich.	Smith, Pa.
McBride, Oregon.	Stroase, Pa.
McClurg, Mo.	Townsend, N. Y.
Price, Iowa.	Woodbridge, Vt.

NAYS.

Allen, O.	Ganson, N. Y.
Brown, Wis.	Harris, H. G., Md.
Brown, West Va.,	Herrick, N. Y.
Cox, Ky.,	Hasbrouck, N. Y.
Cobb, Wis.	Johnson, Pa.
Craven, Ind.	Kalbfleisch, N. Y.
Edgerton, Ind.	Keller, Pa.
Finck, Ohio.	Kernal, O. N. Y.
Grider, Ky.	Law, Ind. N. Pa.
Harrington, Ind.,	Latcar, Pa.
Harding, Ky.	Le Blond, Ohio.
Holman, Ind.	Miller, S. P., N. Y.
Hutchins, Ohio.	Morris, Pa.
Hing, Mo.	Morrill, Va.
Law, Ind.	Morris, J. H., Ohio.
Le Blond, O.	Nelson, N. Y.
Long, Ca. O.	Myers, Pa.
Mallory, Ky.	Odell, N. Y.
McDowell, Ky.	O'Neil, C. Pa.
McKenney, O.,	Orth, Ind.
Morris, O.	Perry, Pa.
Noble, O.	Pike, Me.
O'Neal, O.	Pruyn, N. Y.
Pendleton, Cin., O.,	Radford, N. Y.
Sloan, Wis.	Randall, Ky.
Wadsworth,	Scofield, Pa.
Wheeler, Wis.	Smithers, Del.
White, J. H., Ohio.	Townsend, Phil. Pa.
Amer., Mass.	Stiles, Pa.
Ancona, Pa.	Thomas, Md.
Baldwin, Mass.	Wilson, O., Ohio.
Blair, West Va.,	Williams, Pittsburg, Pa.
Broomall, Pa.	Winfield, N. Y.
Chanler, Pa.	Ward, R., N. Y.
Dawson, Pa.	Wood, F., N. Y.
Higby, Cal.	

NOT VOTING.—Messrs. Brooks, Ambrose W. Clark, Freeman Clarke, Cofroth, Cox, Creswell, Henry Winter Davis, Denison, Grasswold, Hale, Hall, Hooper, Rotchkiss, William Johnson, Kasson, Lazear, McAllister, McIndoe, Middleton, Moorhead, Nelson, Patterson, Alexander H. Rice, Rogers, Starr, John B. Steele, William G. Steele, Stuart, Thayer, Tracy, Van Valkenburg, Voorhees, Ward, William B. Washburn, Webster, Chilton A. White and Yeaman—37.

So the bill was passed.

The Illinois State Fair.

We have already called the attention of the people of Chicago to the fact that a prompt and proper liberality on their part is, doubtless, all that is needed to secure the holding of the next State Fair in this city. The State Agricultural Society fully appreciates the evil under which they have labored when compelled by circumstances to hold the Fair in towns which were incapable of properly entertaining several thousand people. They know that the attendance upon the Fair, both of exhibitors and visitors, will be seriously diminished unless more ample and satisfactory accommodations can be secured than they have had for the past two years.

The Chicago Driving Park presents the most desirable location for the Fair in the State, and if twenty thousand dollars can be subscribed for the erection of exhibition buildings, the Fair will, without doubt, be held here. Every business interest in Chicago should be represented upon the subscription lists. Our citizens will undoubtedly respond liberally; we are requested to state that the subscription committee will call at each of whom, we append hereto, are expected to return their lists to J. G. Dwen, at the *Journal* counting-room, by Monday next:

COMMITTEE.

Railroads—Gen. L. Dunlap, L. B. Drake, W. B. Arthur, Daniel Thompson, Henry Fuller.

Boards of Trade—Gen. Sheridan, S. K. Fairbanks, U. H. Crosby, J. F. Beatty.

Newspapers—J. G. Dwen, Alfred Cowles, H. D. Chandler.

Grocers—W. B. Gould, Geo. H. Phelps, H. J. Smith.

Dry Goods—J. Richards, Marshal Field, J. G. Dwen, E. G. L. Paxon.

Druggists—Dr. Goodrich, B. A. Hurlbut.

Bankers—J. Y. Scammon, Jos. O. Rutter, Ira Holmes.

Hotels—D. A. Gage, Geo. W. Gage, M. S. Patrick.

Lumber Merchants—W. B. Howard, T. M. Avery, H. H. Yales.

Machinery and Implements—P. W. Gates, H. D. Emory.

Tobacco Manufacturers—Jas. Van Etta, E. Frankenthal.

Brokers—Joseph McPherson, J. N. W. Sherman, W. H. Adkins, W. F. Myrick.

Liquor Merchants and Brewers—W. Lill, P. O'Neill, George Ranney.

Jewelers—A. T. Wright, Edward Price, William Patrick.

Movement of the Twenty-third Army Corps.

The *Missouri Democrat* says: "It is no longer a military secret that the 23d Army Corps (Gen Schofield's) has been transferred from Clifton, on the Upper Tennessee, to City Point, with Grant. The fact that this vast army, estimated at 20,000, with all its arms, ninnitions and equipage (including artillery and eight hundred horses), has been transported some fifteen hundred miles by river and rail, and across mountains and in mid-winter, within the short space of *ten days*, without accident, is certainly both fortunate and remarkable.

"An officer who accompanied the expedition, in writing to a friend in this city, says: 'No such fine weather was ever known during war, or before it, of moving such an army that distance in so short a time, and that without accident.'"

Awards of Honor to Illinois Soldiers.

Among the late orders from Sherman's Department Headquarters, was one awarding medals to the following Illinois soldiers:

To August Stehr, Sergeant "F" company, 39th Illinois Infantry, Corporal Silvis, Illinois—faithful and efficient service in the Adjutant General's Office, Department and Army of the Tennessee.

To Albert R. Wilcox, private, Battery "A," 1st Illinois Light Artillery, Chicago—for gallant and distinguished service in the assault on the enemy's fortifications at Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Champion Hills, Vicksburg, July 4th, 1863, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Dallas. Faithful and efficient service in the Adjutant General's Office, Department and Army of the Tennessee.

To James R. Rendit, private, "B" company, 39th Regiment Illinois Infantry, Valentine, Medal of Silver," inscribed Vicksburg, July 4th, 1863, Atlanta, Savannah. Faithful and efficient service in the Adjutant General's Office, Department and Army of the Tennessee."

ITEMS.

Shad are $10 each in Savannah.

Postage stamps are $8 each in Richmond.

Gen. Grant pays fifty cents each for cigars.

There are seven million Jews in the world.

A new symphony performed in Florence is divided into four parts: Hell, Purgatory, Paradise and Return to Earth.

The Government gets $70,000 per month for the hides, tallow and hoofs of cattle slaughtered for the Army of the Potomac.

Dr. Chaillu is chasing gorillas in Africa.

The New York Stewart's income is $3.50 a minute.

A young man was shot in New York the other day by a man named Yelverton. Trouble: A young woman, two lovers and jealousy.

Seventy-two degrees of D. D. have been conferred by American colleges during the past year.

Mrs. Gen. Lander is to make her reappearance on the stage after an absence of four years.

Laura Keene has written a new play which Barnum has purchased for $1,000.

The face of Harriet Hosmer's Zenobia was copied from an ancient coin.

Dan Rice the clown has "struck ile."

A lady at the opera in New York the other night wore a bouquet of diimonds on her head costing $40,000. The gentleman with her wore a dozen diamond vest buttons as large as a pea. And they sat in the perquette.

Napoleon has had an addition of 1,000 proofs of his Life of Cæsar struck off for gratuitous publication.

Novel design for the season. A young lady has set her heart in a gold bracelet. Effect very charming.

Little Patti has appeared again at Paris in "Linda."

Brignoli is going to Madrid with Patti to try his fortunes.

Carlotta Patti's latest successes have been at Stuttgart.

There are two rehearsals of Myerbeer's L'Africaine daily, and it will soon be brought out.

Luther C. Tibbetts a member of the New York corn exchange, has brought a suit for defamation of character against sixty-four members of that association, claiming $1,000, 000 from each of them.

Speaking of the "Life of Cæsar," the Pittsburg *Chronicle* says Mrs. Eugenie Bonaparte is spending a power of money on her transcendent wardrobe, and if her husband does not write a book, or strike oil, there is no telling but he may be published some bright morning in the Imperial List. We shall see.

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A Mammoth Coal Bed.

There is a coal bed in Pennsylvania called the Baltimore Coal Mine, consisting of twelve veins of different thickness, underlying each other, all but one of which is being worked, and about 1690 tons a day taken out. It is thus described:

The Baltimore vein is eighteen feet in thickness, and is one of the finest coal-beds in the State of Pennsylvania. This Baltimore vein is so celebrated for its good quality of white ash coal, that from fifty cents to one dollar per ton more is paid for other white ash coal is usually offered and given for the product of the vein.

AMOUNTS OF COAL.	
	Feet in thickness.
No 12.—.....	600,000 — 10
No. 11.—.....	450,000 — 8
No. 10.—.....	110,000 — 2
No. 9.—.....	600,000 — 10
No. 8.—.....	360,000 — 6
No. 7.—.....	600,000 — 10
No. 6.—.....	300,000 — 4
No. 5.—.....	300,000 — 5
No. 4.—.....	1,500,000 — 25
No. 3.—.....	360,000 — 6
No. 2.—.....	6,000,000 — 100
No. 1.—.....	2,250,000 — 15
	10,615,000 — 103-3
Deduct amount of coal contained in small veins No. 12, 6 and 5.....	750,000 — 8-8
Total contents of the aforesaid nine workable veins	9,865,000 — 97-6
By a careful computation the exact amount of coal is (tons).....	12,449,000

The Column of Freedom.

[From the Washington Chronicle, Feb. 4.]

The advancing column of freedom which is destined shortly to encircle every commonwealth of the great Republic, from the Aroostook to the Rio Grande, is marching to the satisfaction of adding Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York. We were mistaken in placing Maryland first. In point of time, the great West led off—Illinois taking the lead. It is a fitting tribute to the author of the Emancipation Proclamation, that his State should be the first to ratify the Constitutional amendment declaring that slavery shall nevermore be tolerated among the free men of the United States:

ILLINOIS, February 3.
MARYLAND, February 3.
MICHIGAN, February 3.
RHODE ISLAND, February 3.
WEST VIRGINIA, February 4.
NEW YORK, February 4.
PENNSYLVANIA, February 4.

The Bridal Festivities.

A lady writing to the New York *Independent* the day after the passage of the emancipation of Missouri, dropped the following little morceau of prose, poetry and sentiment:

"Last night was a still, white night. The snow lay over all this Southern land, and moonlight on the snow. It was a sweet adorning of our beautiful Missouri for the eve of her bridal with Freedom. We sang 'Glory Hallelujah!'"

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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Additional Facts of the Peace Conference.

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Additional Items of the Interview Between the President and the Rebel Commissioners.

NEW YORK, February 7.—The *Herald* has an editorial on what it calls the military aspect of the peace question.

The facts stated in this article are derived from that source: as to entitle them to credence. They are somewhat startling:

After referring to the motives which induced Mr. State to visit Richmond, it continues: "Before Mr. Blair left for home, Jefferson Davis expressed to him a hope, coupled with a strong desire for peace, and offering to waive all formalities in settling our difficulties on the basis of two Governments. This letter was adroitly couched in such terms as, to a hasty, careless reader, might appear to be a proposition for peace and as at any former period, and I repeat that he has had the proud satisfaction of having the passage of this great measure accomplished before the expiration of his official term.

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The March of Gen. Sherman through Georgia when his army found inexhaustible supplies of food of every kind, gives the lie to their statement "that they have not the means to feed prisoners better." The evidence before us establishing the fact is a systematic plan with them "to kill as many of our noblest men as possible, and to put the survivors in such a condition that they shall never be valuable for any service."

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"The truth is that the rebels are very hardly pressed by our armies. They see that by the second day next week, and they have sought to save themselves by negotiation and diplomacy; but in this Mr. Lincoln has shown himself more than a match for them. They have found him courteous, but firm and inflexible. He has now satisfied the clamorous peace men of the North, who have grown tumultuously loud that the words would mend the hearts of the obdurate rebels. Still this is of no use. All that remains is to fight it out, and the quicker the better.

The New York *Tribune* says: "The rebels required of the President an immediate and unqualified cessation of hostilities, leaving in abeyance all questions concerning the integrity of the Union and the regular authority of its government over the people of the several States, which the President unhesitatingly, promptly, but decidedly apprised them that he was neither authorized nor disposed to concede, and that the conference terminated."

The *World* argues that the conference was not a failure, by stating that the Commissioners were not authorized to propose any terms, but rather came merely to have an informal talk with us as to enable the Richmond Government to decide whether a Peace Conference is expedient.

Washington, June 8.—The Richmond papers are filled with belligerent editorials, denouncing Stephens and Hunter for their failure to fight it out. They had not yet heard of the result of the conference. They rejoice greatly over Lee's promotion.

The *Sentinel* says no more rebel Treasury notes are to be issued.

The *Wing* demands that Bragg be entirely set aside as utterly worthless.

The *World's* Washington special says that it is reported in that city that the rebels have adopted a new war policy. Richmond is to be evacuated, and the whole Atlantic coast is to be abandoned, and a stand made inland. A proposal is to be made in the rebel Congress to levy and arm 160, 000 slaves, and give one to each white soldier in the service.

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Special Notices.

Notice to Ass

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Health Items.—There is a home remedy [illegible] Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery [illegible] the early part of the week about [illegible] which I had been troubled for [illegible] with the most distressing pain in the [illegible] by its timely use I was entirely relieved [illegible] Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery [illegible] Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets

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